

MP's challenge over 'CIA funds for Europe'

By Our Political Staff

Mr Richard Body, Conservative MP for Holland with Boston, said at Rochester last night that the European Movement had worms in its woodwork and they needed to be winkled out. He said:

Time Out magazine has alleged the hard fact that Lord Duncan-Sandys visited the United States to raise funds for the European Movement and that the American Committee on a United Europe agreed to pay for half its budget. Of course, the Committee on a United Europe is a CIA organization. It is now known as a front organization for the CIA.

No one doubts the good faith of Duncan-Sandys, but the British people are entitled to know whether this allegation, now supported by documentary evidence, is true, and if it is, for how many years has the CIA through this committee and other organizations, contributed to the European Movement.

We also know that the CIA provides funds for a variety of political organizations, indirectly, through multinational corporations like ITT, and various foundations. Mr Wilson is a joint president of the European Movement, and should insist that it should now publish its list of mystery benefactors.